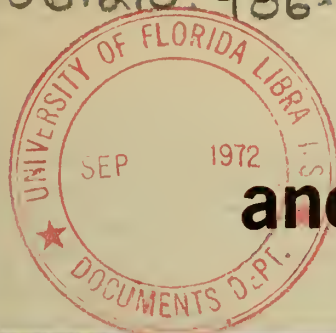




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Shipping Weight and Value; Customs District and Continent

This report presents statistics on U.S. exports and imports by air in U.S. customs district by continent arrangement. Data have been compiled from Shipper's Export Declarations (Commerce Form 7525-V) and import entries during the regular processing of statistical data on foreign trade shipments. The customs districts shown in this report are those having combined exports and imports by air valued at \$1.5 million or more during the preceding calendar year. A complete list of customs districts and ports is presented in Schedule D, Classification of U.S. Customs Districts and Ports for U.S. Foreign Trade Statistics, January 1, 1972 edition, as amended.

Exports

These statistics represent exports of domestic and foreign merchandise combined and include government and nongovernment shipments of merchandise by air from the United States to foreign countries. The statistics, therefore, include Department of Defense Military Assistance Program--Grant-Aid shipments, shipments for economic assistance under the Foreign Assistance Act, and shipments of agricultural commodities under P.L. 480 (The Agricultural Trade Development and Assistance Act of 1954, as amended) and related laws. Shipments to U.S. Armed Forces and diplomatic missions abroad for their own use are not included in the export statistics. U.S. trade with Puerto Rico and U.S. possessions and trade between U.S. possessions are not included in this report, but exports from Puerto Rico to foreign countries are included as a part of the U.S. export statistics. Merchandise shipped through the United States in transit from one foreign country to another, when documented as such with U.S. Customs, is excluded. (Foreign merchandise that has entered the United States as an import and is subsequently reexported is not treated as in-transit merchandise, and is included

in this report.) The figures in this report exclude exports of household and personal effects, shipments by mail and parcel post, and shipments of airplanes under their own power.

For security reasons, certain commodities are designated as Special Category commodities, for which security regulations place restrictions upon the export information that may be released. The data shown in this report for individual customs districts and continents exclude exports of Special Category commodities, but overall shipping weight and value totals for Special Category commodities are shown. A list of Special Category commodities may be obtained from the Bureau of the Census.

The statistics on exports of domestic and foreign merchandise to countries other than Canada reflect fully compiled data for shipments valued \$500 and over combined with estimated data for shipments valued \$251-\$499, based on a 50-percent probability sample of such shipments. For exports to Canada the statistics reflect fully compiled data for shipments valued \$2,000 and over combined with estimated data for shipments valued \$251-\$1,999, based on a 10-percent probability sample of such shipments. Shipping weight and value data are also estimated for shipments valued under \$251. These estimates are not included in the data shown for individual customs districts.

Since the export figures shown include estimates based on a sample of low-valued shipments, they are subject to some degree of sampling variability. The table on the following page provides a rough guide to the general level of sampling variability of value totals, on a 2 chances out of 3 basis. Usually, the higher value figures will have the lower percent sampling errors.

Value totals for "Total" and "North America" of—	Proportion of cells with			
	under 2%	under 5%	under 10%	under 20%
\$1,000,000 and over	.60	.75	.85	1.00
\$500,000-\$1,000,000	.20	1.00		
\$100,000-\$500,000	.30	.45	.70	1.00
\$20,000-\$100,000		.35	.70	1.00
Cells of under \$20,000	Are likely to have sampling variability from \$3,000 to \$15,000			

Value totals for continents of South America, Europe, Asia, Australia and Oceania, and Africa of—	Are likely to have sampling variability of—
\$300,000 and over	Less than 2%
\$100,000-\$300,000	Less than 5% with over half of the totals less than 2%
\$20,000-\$100,000	Generally less than 10% with over half of the totals less than 5%
Under \$20,000	Generally \$500 to \$5,000
Cells of \$0	Generally less than \$500

The sampling variability of shipping weight figures, in percentage terms, can be approximated by the percent sampling variability of value.

Imports

These statistics represent general imports, which are a combination of imports for immediate consumption

and entries into bonded warehouses. The statistics include government as well as nongovernment shipments of merchandise by air from foreign countries to the United States. However, American goods returned by the U.S. Armed Forces for their own use are excluded, U.S. trade with Puerto Rico and with U.S. possessions and trade between U.S. possessions are not included in this report, but imports into Puerto Rico from foreign countries are considered to be U.S. imports and are included. Merchandise shipped through the United States in transit from one foreign country to another, when documented as such through U.S. Customs, is not reported as imports and is excluded from the data shown in this report. (Foreign merchandise that has entered the United States as an import and is subsequently re-exported is not treated as in-transit merchandise and is included in this report.) Imports of household and personal effects, imports by mail and parcel post, and imports of airplanes under their own power are not included.

The statistics shown for individual customs districts represent fully compiled data for shipments valued \$251 and over. Data for shipments valued under \$251, reported on formal and informal entries (informal entries generally contain items valued under \$251), are estimated from a 1-percent sample. Separate shipping weight and value estimates for shipments valued under \$251 are shown. The shipping weight data are estimated from the values on the basis of constants that have been derived from an observation of the value-weight relationships in past periods.

Since the statistics showing total value of imports by all carriers include sample estimates, they are subject to sampling variability. In general, the higher value figures will have the lower percent sampling errors. Value totals of \$500,000 and over will generally have a sampling variability of less than 3 percent; value totals of under \$500,000 will generally have a sampling variability of less than \$50,000.

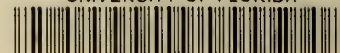
Table 1. Selected Customs Districts of Lading by Continent

(Data shown represent domestic and foreign merchandise. Shipments of Special Category commodities are excluded from all district and continent data. Estimated shipments valued under \$251 are excluded from all district data and data for U.S. flag carriers)

Customs district	Shipping weight (1,000 pounds)						Value (1,000 dollars)									
	Total		North America	South America	Europe	Asia	Australia and Oceania	Africa	Total		North America	South America	Europe	Asia	Australia and Oceania	Africa
	All carriers	U.S. flag carriers							All carriers	U.S. flag carriers						
Total, all carriers...	84,072	(X)	19,712	10,573	38,457	11,473	1,268	1,655	642,954	(X)	76,857	55,856	360,794	114,831	12,770	10,281
U.S. flag carriers.....	(X)	29,783	7,874	3,142	12,324	5,279	321	375	(X)	226,817	35,028	10,912	117,505	52,556	2,990	2,611
Boston, Mass.....	1,964	806	317	(Z)	1,604	20	18	4	16,487	8,381	1,763	3	13,880	307	447	89
Bridgeport, Conn.....	12	12	-	-	12	(Z)	(Z)	-	123	123	-	-	123	-	-	-
Ogdensburg, N.Y.....	1	-	-	-	1	(Z)	(Z)	-	41	-	-	-	29	1	10	-
Buffalo, N.Y.....	222	214	222	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	-	-	2,038	2,024	2,015	-	24	-	-	-
New York City, N.Y.....	34,678	10,821	2,326	2,423	24,559	4,173	212	984	340,275	109,807	14,679	15,097	259,559	41,273	2,976	6,691
Philadelphia, Pa.....	756	437	110	57	355	205	4	25	7,667	3,091	501	313	4,487	2,249	13	105
Baltimore, Md.....	79	63	51	-	11	17	-	-	898	179	144	-	52	702	-	-
Wilmington, N.C.....	57	57	(Z)	(Z)	40	10	5	1	259	259	1	4	84	102	58	12
Charleston, S.C.....	355	221	49	37	254	15	(Z)	(Z)	4,066	725	220	663	2,759	423	-	2
Savannah, Ga.....	82	(Z)	81	-	1	(Z)	-	-	222	2	218	-	2	2	-	-
Tampa, Fla.....	17	17	-	-	-	17	(Z)	-	188	188	-	-	-	180	8	-
Mobile, Ala.....	310	69	301	9	-	-	-	-	1,080	332	1,029	51	-	-	-	-
New Orleans, La.....	252	136	238	-	(Z)	14	(Z)	-	818	551	744	-	3	71	1	-
Laredo, Tex.....	111	111	-	-	-	-	-	-	573	571	573	-	-	-	-	-
El Paso, Tex.....	22	6	21	-	-	1	-	-	103	19	65	-	-	39	-	-
Nogales, Ariz.....	4,742	1,853	761	163	1,499	2,001	278	41	56,212	19,373	7,900	2,253	18,348	23,983	3,172	555
Los Angeles, Calif.....	2,597	1,340	138	41	406	1,657	341	14	35,319	13,437	1,716	360	3,639	24,823	4,661	120
San Francisco, Calif.....	53	53	9	-	43	1	-	(Z)	965	965	79	-	848	33	-	4
Portland, Ore.....	1,277	957	233	2	256	779	1	6	9,866	5,855	1,840	14	2,790	5,056	3	164
Seattle, Wash.....	152	94	85	-	4	63	-	-	409	200	9	-	111	288	-	-
Anchorage, Alaska.....	292	140	64	-	(Z)	125	103	-	1,214	533	229	-	1	593	391	-
Honolulu, Hawaii.....	62	59	59	-	-	3	-	-	483	478	478	-	-	4	-	-
Great Falls, Mont.....	(Z)	(Z)	-	-	-	(Z)	-	-	(Z)	1	-	-	-	1	-	-
Pembina, N. Dak.....	300	238	211	-	7	82	-	-	6,110	5,614	1,400	-	138	4,572	-	-
Minneapolis, Minn.....	1,502	1,253	338	31	1,102	17	6	9	9,285	8,334	2,083	52	6,876	102	57	116
Detroit, Mich.....	7,091	3,384	2,180	3	3,921	866	9	111	44,238	21,130	12,815	16	24,549	6,012	107	739
Chicago, Ill.....	288	52	219	-	64	(Z)	-	5	2,130	384	1,499	-	592	18	-	21
Cleveland, Ohio.....	28	28	5	-	22	(Z)	-	(Z)	484	484	34	-	446	2	-	2
St. Louis, Mo.....	965	713	868	75	21	(Z)	-	1	3,998	2,028	1,831	703	1,395	1	-	69
San Juan, P.R.....	12,892	5,663	5,954	6,590	323	20	1	5	47,840	13,476	13,142	32,887	1,697	70	3	40
Miami, Fla.....	921	311	300	98	199	133	(Z)	192	5,684	1,939	1,746	733	1,714	817	2	671
Houston, Tex.....	540	163	3	79	453	5	-	1	9,102	1,011	26	688	8,288	84	-	16
Washington, D.C.....	59	42	25	-	34	-	-	-	169	108	63	-	106	-	-	-
All other districts.....	10,458	(NA)	4,432	966	3,265	1,249	290	256	23,041	(NA)	8,016	2,020	8,254	3,023	863	866
Shipments under \$251.....	933	469	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	11,564	5,215	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Special Category.....																

D Data withheld to avoid disclosure of information for security reasons. NA Not available. X Not applicable. Z Less than 500 pounds or \$500.

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U.S. GENERAL IMPORTS BY AIR

Table 2. Selected Customs Districts of Unlading by Continent

(Estimated shipments valued under \$251 are excluded from all district data and data for U.S. flag carriers. Total columns include a small amount of shipments which are unidentified by continent)

Customs district	Shipping weight (1,000 pounds)						Value (1,000 dollars)					
	Total			North America	South America	Europe	Asia	Australia and Oceania	Africa	Total		
	All carriers	U.S. flag carriers								All carriers	U.S. flag carriers	
Total, all carriers...	71,383	(X)	8,865	7,068	38,299	16,462	345	298		400,496	(X)	30,129
U.S. flag carriers...	32,615		3,607	2,958	16,150	9,630	179	91		195,495		13,169
Boston, Mass.....	2,999	1,738	93	6	2,843	56	(Z)	1		7,865		901
Bridgeport, Conn.....	1	1	1	1	(Z)	-	-	-		16		13
Ogdensburg, N.Y.....	2	(Z)	1	-	1	(Z)	-	-		30		27
Buffalo, N.Y.....	143	131	130	1	12	1	-	-		1,997		1,721
New York City, N.Y.....	32,944	13,815	680	2,607	24,869	4,504	53	231		200,360		7,703
Philadelphia, Pa.....	667	385	7	7	620	29	(Z)	4		6,875		48
Baltimore, Md.....	98	65	6	-	83	6	(Z)	2		800		85
Wilmington, N.C.....	347	347	-	-	347	-	-	-		4,078		-
Charleston, S.C.....	1	1	(Z)	-	1	-	-	-		9		(Z)
Savannah, Ga.....	28	24	4	-	24	(Z)	-	-		555		27
Tampa, Fla.....	24	11	11	9	3	1	(Z)	-		202		15
Mobile, Ala.....	(Z)	-	-	-	(Z)	-	-	-		(Z)		-
New Orleans, La.....	304	45	299	1	3	(Z)	-	-		237		206
Laredo, Tex.....	139	128	139	(Z)	(Z)	1	-	-		233		233
El Paso, Tex.....	18	18	18	-	(Z)	-	-	-		535		534
Nogales, Ariz.....	13	1	13	-	(Z)	-	-	-		28		20
Los Angeles, Calif.....	5,932	2,708	293	82	1,103	4,317	126	12		51,468		4,442
San Francisco, Calif.....	4,341	3,269	49	19	267	3,930	72	4		33,992		458
Portland, Ore.....	2	2	2	-	(Z)	(Z)	-	-		14		11
Seattle, Wash.....	936	794	96	-	153	687	1	-		7,136		2,099
Anchorage, Alaska.....	79	2	-	-	75	3	-	-		265		-
Honolulu, Hawaii.....	292	187	37	-	13	181	61	-		2,189		46
Great Falls, Mont.....	5	5	-	-	-	-	-	-		155		155
Pembina, N. Dak.....	13	7	13	-	(Z)	-	-	-		101		69
Minneapolis, Minn.....	238	232	9	(Z)	41	188	-	-		1,238		219
Detroit, Mich.....	1,293	1,026	222	-	1,039	31	(Z)	1		5,346		1,057
Chicago, Ill.....	4,439	2,201	269	18	3,024	1,109	1	17		27,908		2,783
Cleveland, Ohio.....	174	34	60	-	89	25	(Z)	-		803		395
St. Louis, Mo.....	113	107	(Z)	-	83	30	-	-		2,441		7
San Juan, P.R.....	1,739	806	878	582	232	47	-	-		3,404		1,315
Miami, Fla.....	7,906	3,955	3,902	3,523	326	149	(Z)	6		15,048		6,134
Houston, Tex.....	318	116	144	32	111	28	-	3		4,286		837
Washington, D.C.....	493	437	4	(Z)	487	2	-	(Z)		8,143		29
All other districts....	41	16	7	181	33	(Z)	(Z)	16		213		149
Shipments under \$251...	5,299	(NA)	1,473	-	2,417	1,136	31	-		6,460	(NA)	1,795

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